Docket No.: 1075.1168

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kenji KOGURE

Serial No. 09/892.857 Group Art Unit: 3626

Confirmation No. 3130

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For: AUTOMATED CONTRACT ENGAGING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH AUTOMATED

CONTRACT ENGAGING PROGRAM IS RECORDED

## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: BOX AF

Sir

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed October 18, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on January 18, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.